

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is requested in view of the following.

Claims 1-9 were objected to for containing informalities. Claims 1-9 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the present objection has been rendered moot. Note that the British English spelling of colour has not been changed. In accordance with MPEP 608.07, it is not necessary to replace British English spellings with the equivalent American English spellings in U.S. patent applications.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-9 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the present rejection has been rendered moot.

Claims 1-4, 6, and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,336,723 to Nicolin. Traversal of this rejection is made for at least the following reasons. Claims 1-4, 6, and 7 have been cancelled herein. New claims 10-30 have been added, which are believed to be allowable over Nicolin. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,336,723 to Nicolin in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,882,301 to Gettys et al. Traversal of this rejection is made for at least the following reasons. Claim 9 has been cancelled herein. New claims 10-30 have been added, which are believed to be allowable over the proposed combination of Nicolin and Gettys et al. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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